

Request for RCE  
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/248,515
Filing Date	February 8, 1999
First Named Inventor	Sosin
Group Art Unit	3711
Examiner Name	S. Blah-
Attorney Docket Number	2002832-0002

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (c) (PTO/SB/28) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14855 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1235 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 570.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sosin  
Serial No.: 09/248,515  
Filing Date: February 8, 1999  
Title: GOLF CLUB AND METHOD OF DESIGN

Examiner: S. Blau  
Art Unit: 3711  
Attorney Docket: 2002832-0002

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time from May 21, 2001 up to and including June 21, 2001 to respond to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2001, in the above referenced case. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment into the case, and consideration of the following Remarks.

**Amendment**

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-10, 14-19, 21-23, and 25-28.

Please amend claim 12 to read as follows:

12. (Amended) A method of constructing a golf club for a golfer, comprising steps of:  
determining a design loft of the club;  
determining a length, lie, and offset of the club;  
determining a swing characteristic of the golfer;  
using the swing characteristic, at least in part, to determine a lean angle such that the effective loft for the golfer has a predetermined relationship to the design loft; and  
constructing a club having the determined design loft and lean angle, the club being a wood, an iron, or a wedge;  
wherein the lean angle is determined, at least in part, by at least one of the length, lie, and offset of the club;  
wherein determining the lean angle and constructing the club are repeated for a plurality

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